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SUBJECT: TURKISH AID CUTOFF: NOON PRESS BRIEFING OF
DECEMBER 11

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT Q'S AND A'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING
DECEMBER 11, 1974, CONCERNING THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION
AND ITS DECEMBER 10 CUTOFF DATE OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY:

QUOTE: A: DO YOU HAVE A REACTION FROM THE SECRETARY
PERHAPS TO THE PRESUMED AID CUTOFF TO TURKEY?

A: NO, I DO NOT.

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Q: HAS AID BEEN CUT OFF?

A: I WILL JUST STAND WITH WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY.

Q: HAS WHAT YOU SAID WOULD HAPPEN HAPPENED?

A: WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY REMAINS VALID.

Q: SO AID HAS BEEN CUT OFF. CAN YOU SAY THAT?

A: I WILL STICK WITH WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY AND WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY APPLIED TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT.

Q: DO YOU STILL HAVE NO ROUGH IDEA OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF GOODS IN THE PIPELINE?

A: I DON'T HAVE THAT.

Q: COULD YOU CLARIFY SOME OF THE MECHANICS OF WHAT YOU DESCRIBED YESTERDAY? ARE GOODS IN THE PIPELINE UNDER U.S. CONTROL ONCE THEY HAVE LEFT U.S. TERRITORIAL WATERS, FOR EXAMPLE?

A: WELL, I SAID YESTERDAY ON A BACKGROUND BASIS THAT MILITARY MATERIEL THAT WAS ENROUTE WOULD REMAIN UNDER U.S. CUSTODY.

Q: YES, I KNOW. I AM ASKING WHAT THAT MEANS.

A: WELL, IT MEANS PRECISELY THAT -- THAT IT WILL REMAIN UNDER U.S. CUSTODY.

Q: GOODS CARRIED BY A COMMERCIAL CARRIER, OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAVE LEFT THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT, ARE THEY UNDER U.S. CONTROL OR NOT?

A: MATERIEL THAT IS ENROUTE WILL REMAIN UNDER U.S. CUSTODY, YES. THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS YES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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Q: IT IS UNDER U.S. CONTROL.

A: IT IS UNDER U.S. CUSTODY.

Q: SO YOU COULD ORDER THE SKIPPER OF THAT VESSEL TO PUT IN AT ANOTHER PORT, FOR EXAMPLE.

A: WELL, I AM NOT IN A POSITION HERE, AGAIN -- I AM IN
THE SAME POSITION I WAS YESTERDAY WITH RESPECT TO
SPECIFICALLY WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. BUT WHAT I SAID
YESTERDAY ON BACKGROUND BASIS STILL HOLDS. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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